

Partnership Category

One concern I hold is that a tightening of Skilled Migrant category settings will see more applicants shift to the partnership residence category. Of concern is that one must only live with a person for 12 months before they can apply for residence based on partnership. Plenty of these are genuine however it is a well known "category of last resort"

In terms of productivity, a concern which will become more prominent in the future are applicants whom enter a relationship, often with a vulnerable supporting partner. Often they will have a child during the course of their relationship. Once residence is granted the child and partner have abandoned. Once the five year stand down has been completed the applicant then sponsors their actual partner from their home country. In my line of work I have seen this occur frequently and the results are catastrophic for the child and partner. My concern is if partnership settings are not changed then we will have more vulnerable children born of these relationships, as applicants may no longer meet updated skilled migrant instructions/requirements.

Remove the ability to sponsor two partners. This encourages false relationships. One partner should be the maximum

Remove the ability for residents to sponsor a partner. This should be for citizens only, as residents have only spent a hot minute contributing to NZ.

Maori perspective

More involvement needed with Iwi. NZ immigration system is designed by government. Further involvement is needed to ensure Maori are not being further marginalised by an Immigration system focussed on GDP growth at the extent of existing citizens.

Population Planning

New Zealand needs a population plan preferably voted on in a referendum. Rather than having constant population growth, evaluation of what number the population of NZ should have is required. We can continue pumping more people in to the economy or we can focus on what future NZ should look like. Do we go for a high population and the corresponding challenges and benefits or set a low population target with corresponding benefits and challenges.

Migration for skilled employment not for "GDP growth"

Medical personal, teachers and other in demand professions should be prioritised not just increasing population to give the illusion of GDP growth. We do not need "retail managers" and other such created positions made to meet Immigration Instructions. High migration settings have been a mask for NZ poor business productivity.

Extension of citizenship requirements

Australia was correct in reducing NZ passport holders rights in 2001. NZ has easy to meet Immigration requirements, and low requirements for obtaining citizenship which then allows the right to reside in Australia. Close the back door and increase the time period someone must reside

in NZ to obtain citizenship.
remove post study visa rights

Complete removal of offering 30 extra point for skilled employment outside of Auckland. This has created growing pressure on housing market especially small city like wellington, nelson, Hamilton, Dunedin.

How should New Zealand's special relationship with Pacific Island nations be reflected in immigration policy?

- Must be maintained
 - o Pacific Islands are a key source of labour for the manual workforce.
 - o This special relationship is mutually beneficial to New Zealand and the Pacific Islands
 - With climate change reducing the livability of some pacific nations, further priority should be given to our pacific family. Treaty of Waitangi and Te Ao Māori

- **How successful have the Investor or Entrepreneur category visas been to date in generating value for New Zealand? How could this value be increased?**
- This category has been a wasted opportunity. Allowing investors to invest in bonds and property is not beneficial to New Zealand. Make investors spend their money on productive investments such as business creation. Increase residency requirements for these categories so NZ is not used as an easy to obtain Western passport

Student visa category

Significant reform required. This category promotes privatised low quality education courses so that migrants can easily obtain work rights in NZ. Changes that should be made:

- Limit this category to only legitimate universities.
- Remove the private education industry. These courses are of little value to migrants other than being an easy way into NZ. We do not need graduates of business courses we need nurses, teachers and other genuine professions
- Set expectations for migrants. Student visa should be for study purposes only, remove work rights. Then migrants gain genuine qualifications not level 4 generic business course from profit creating private institutions. Do not apply student visa holders to apply for further visas.
- This category is abused for easy access to NZ. Example often seen in my line of work. Person A comes to New Zealand to study English(doesn't learn much) Person A meets person B from their home country. A applies for a partnership visa going on to gain residence under partnership. Person A then leaves person B and sponsor their actual partner from home country.